Export of Tea, Pepper, Coffee and Cardamom

2419. SHRI P. C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the steps taken by the Government to increase the export of tea, pepper, coffee and cardamom;

(b) whether the Government propose to encourage the cultivation of these products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Government have taken a series of measures to increase the export of tea, pepper, coffee and cardamom. Some of the important measures include (a) Assistance for brand promotion, (b) enhancement in the quantum of REP licences, (c) participation in fair and exhibitions abroad with a view to popularise export of these products.

(b) and (c) It has been the endeavour of the Government to encourage the cultivation of these products by providing assistance for optimisation of inputs and improved cultural practices, irrigation, drainage, rejuvenation, extension planting, replantation, new planting in non-traditional areas and also by providing advisory services to farmers.

Assistance from Central Road Fund for Highway from Erumely to Chalakkayam in Kerala

2420. SHRI P. C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government had granted any assistance from the Central Road Fund for constructing a highway from Erumely to Chalakkayam via Kanamaca and Pampavaly;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present stage of the said proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Against estimated cost of Rs. 98,39,660, Rs. 25·00 lakhs were sanctioned for construction of Erumely-Chalakkayam road out of Central Road Fund on 24-8-1983 the balance cost to be met by the State Govt.

(c) Work is delayed due to requirement of clearance by the State Forest Deptt. Overall progress ending September, 1990 is 15%.

Loans to Unemployed Youth

2421. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 7 on July 12, 1991 and state :

(a) the break up of the beneficiaries under the Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth Scheme, bankwise and State-wise for each of the last three years;

(b) the total amount advanced as loan to the beneficiaries, State-wise; bank-wise and year-wise; and

(c) the average amount advanced as loan per beneficiary in the country as a whole, State-wise, bank-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Development Commissioner (Small Scale Industries) in the Ministry of Industry implements the scheme for providing Self Employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY). It has been reported that the scheme is executed at the District level through the District Industries Centre under the Director of Industries and the bankwise data is not maintained by them. However, a statement showing State-wise number of cases sanctioned, amount of loan sanctioned and average amount per beneficiary under the SEEUY scheme for the years 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 are set out in the statement attached.